**भूमि-धारण (जोत)**

1892–क. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चमुरिया:** क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दो हैक्टेयर तथा दो से ज्यादा हैक्टेयर की जोत वाले भू-स्वामियों की संख्या कितनी-कितनी है ; और

(ख) जून, 1991 की स्थिति के अनुसार ऐसे भू-स्वामियों की संख्या कितनी है जो रसायनिक उर्वरकों का प्रयोग कर रहे हैं तथा उनमें से ऐसे कितने भू-स्वामी हैं जिन्हें सिंचाई सुविधायें उपलब्ध हैं ?

**कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मुल्लापल्ली रामचन्द्रन)** : (क) कृषि संगणना, 1985–86 के अनुसार, देश में 2 हैक्टेयर तक की परिचालनात्मक जोतों की संख्या 74.069 मिलियन थी । 2 हैक्टेयर से अधिक परिचालित क्षेत्र वाली परिचालनात्मक जोतों की संख्या 23.086 मिलियन थी ।

(ख) जानकारी उपलब्ध नहीं है ।

**Reduction in demand of fertilizers**

1892-B. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the increase in prices of different kinds of fertilisers, the total demand for fertilizers is likely to be reduced in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it would affect the agricultural production in the country; if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) No, Sir. The demand by the States, and the requirement of fertilizers as assessed by the Government of India, for the Rabi 1991-92 season, is higher than the actual consumption of fertilizers in the previous Rabi 1990-91 season.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

**Allotment of foodgrains to States**

1892-C. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a wide-gap between the allotment of foodgrains made to different States by the Centre and lifting of those articles by the State Governments;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to bridge the gap and ensure the availability of food articles to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) During the last three years, viz., 1988-89 to 1990-91, the lifting of foodgrains (rice and wheat) from the Central Pool for Public Distribution System by the various States/U.Ts. has varied between 78 per cent to 90 per cent. During the current year, upto July; 1991, based on provisional figures of lifting, it comes to 82 per cent. Such a gap between allotments and lifting cannot be termed as wide. The lifting against monthly allocations is dependent on various factors, such as local production, price differential between the prices at the Fair Price Shops and the open market, consumers preference for specific variety or quality of grains, period of the year etc.

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12.00 NOON

**STATEMENT(S) BY MINISTER(S)**

**I. Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th Dec., 1990 to Unstarred Question 255 regarding allotment of land to Group Housing Societies.**